

AMENDED CLAIM SET

The claims have been amended as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A device for positioning several sheets in a stapler, the device comprising:

a holder adapted to be removably fastened to the stapler;

a paper stop retained by the holder; and

an adjusting mechanism for adjusting the paper stop in relation to the holder.

2. (Previously Presented) The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the adjusting mechanism comprises a latching mechanism for latching a plurality of predetermined latching positions between the paper stop and the holder.

3. (Previously Presented) The device as claimed in claim 2, wherein the latching mechanism is formed by a resilient pressure-exerting component on the holder and a plurality of corresponding apertures along the paper stop.

4. (Previously Presented) The device as claimed in one of claims 1 to 3, wherein the adjusting mechanism allows optional adjustments of an angle between a border of a sheet positioned against the paper stop and a stapling produced by the stapler, with a predetermined distance between the stapling and the sheet border.

5. (Previously Presented) The device as claimed in claim 4, wherein the paper stop includes:

- a) an angular part in the form of a segment of a circle;
- b) a fastening arm, which extends radially inward in the plane of the angular part from an angle bisector of the angular part and which, at a center point of the circle, comprises means for fastening the paper stop in a rotatable manner on the holder; and
- c) two stop components arranged at ends of the angular part.

6. (Previously Presented) The device as claimed in claim 5, wherein latching elements are arranged on the angular part such that the angle between the stapling and the sheet border can be latched in at 0°, 45° and 90°.

7. (Previously Presented) The device as claimed in claim 5, wherein the angular part is designed such that the segment of the circle extends over an angle of 210°-270°.

8. (Previously Presented) The device as claimed in claim 5, wherein the stop components extend vertically upward in a column-like manner from the angular part and, on the paper side, are flattened for the purpose of guiding the sheets.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently Amended) The device as claimed in claim 1~~claim 9~~, wherein the holder has a clamping element for fastening the device on the stapler.

11. (Currently Amended) A stapling apparatus, comprising:

a stapler for stapling paper sheets; and

a device for positioning several sheets in the stapler, the device ~~having~~having,
_____ a holder adapted to be fastened on the stapler,
_____ a paper stop retained by the holder, and
_____ an adjusting mechanism for adjusting the paper stop in relation to the holder,
wherein the adjusting mechanism allows optional adjustments of an angle between a
border of a sheet positioned against the paper stop and a stapling produced by the stapler, with a
predetermined distance between the stapling and the sheet border.

12. (Previously Presented) A device for positioning several sheets in a stapler, comprising:

a holder, which can be fitted on the stapler;

a paper stop retained by the holder; and

an adjusting mechanism for adjusting the paper stop in relation to the holder,

wherein the adjusting mechanism allows optional adjustments of an angle between a border of a sheet positioned against the paper stop and a stapling produced by the stapler, with a predetermined distance between the stapling and the sheet border.

13. (Previously Presented) The device as claimed in claim 12, wherein the paper stop includes:

- a) an angular part in the form of a segment of a circle;
- b) a fastening arm, which extends radially inward in the plane of the angular part from an angle bisector of the angular part and which, at a center point of the circle, comprises means for fastening the paper stop in a rotatable manner on the holder; and
- c) two stop components arranged at ends of the angular part.

14. (Previously Presented) The device as claimed in claim 13, wherein latching elements are arranged on the angular part such that the angle between the stapling and the sheet border can be latched in at 0°, 45° and 90°.

15. (Previously Presented) The device as claimed in claim 13, wherein the angular part is designed such that the segment of the circle extends over an angle of 210°-270°.

16. (Previously Presented) The device as claimed in claim 13, wherein the stop components extend vertically upward in a column-like manner from the angular part and, on the paper side, are flattened for the purpose of guiding the sheets.

17. (New) The device as claimed in claim 12, wherein the adjusting mechanism comprises a latching mechanism for latching a plurality of predetermined latching positions between the paper stop and the holder.

18. (New) The device as claimed in claim 12, wherein the latching mechanism is formed by a resilient pressure-exerting component on the holder and a plurality of corresponding apertures along the paper stop.

19. (New) The device as claimed in claim 12, wherein the holder has a clamping element for fastening the device on the stapler.